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Timely Tidbits ...

Holiday Bazaar

Isom Memorial CME Church (23612 Sumpter Road, corner of Dunn, in Belleville) will host its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, December 2, from noon to 5 p.m. The event will feature a variety of hand-crafted items perfect for gift-giving, plus hot food and other attractions.

Vendor space still remains. Call 313-873-3322 for information.

"Person of the Year" Nominations Sought

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 23rd Person of the Year award. To qualify, an individual must have made significant contributions to Romulus and its residents. Romulus residency is not required.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber Office (11189 Shook Road, Suite 200), and *must* be returned by December 15.

For more information, please call 734-893-0696.

Bank's Toy Drive Benefits Goodfellows

National City Bank's Romulus branch (9950 Wayne Road, just north of I-94) is one of several local businesses collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Romulus Goodfellows. Help make a child's holiday brighter; drop off your donation today.

Band Boosters Offer Cookbook for Sale

The Romulus Band Boosters' new Community Cookbook is full of favorite recipes submitted by band students and their families.

The books – available for $10 each – can be purchased at the District's annual Winter Concert (set for December 12) or by calling Rob McLachlan at 734-941-3829.

All proceeds will be used to purchase new uniforms for the Romulus High School Symphonic Band. ❑

Holiday Happenings Promote Seasonal Spirit

Be sure to make time in your busy holiday schedule to take part in some of these seasonal events to be offered in Brownstown, Romulus, and Taylor, as well as Westland (Wayne County).

Wayne County

Family Holiday Fest & Tree-lighting

The Friends of Nankin Mills and Wayne County Parks are hosting an old-fashioned holiday celebration at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center (located on Hines Drive east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland) on Saturday, December 8, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The first portion of the program (4 to 5:51 p.m.) features seasonal crafts you can make and take home, as well as seasonal games like "fruitcake bowling" and "reindeer antler wreath toss." The second part (5:15 to 6 p.m.) includes a short, outdoor tree-lighting and sing-a-long with an indoor visit from St. Nick. Refreshments will be provided.

Cost for the first part is $4 per person; admission to the second part is free. All ages are welcome.

Brownstown

Tree-lighting

Brownstown's annual tree-lighting will kick off the township's holiday season on Thursday, December 6, at 6 p.m. Santa will arrive at the Community Center (21311 Telegraph) in time to turn on the lights, then listen to the wishes of all good little girls and boys.

Highlights of the event will include the Downriver Community Band performing carols, as well as light refreshments and a small gift for each child.

The event is free to Brownstown residents.

Breakfast with Santa

Join Santa for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Community Center (21311 Telegraph) on Saturday, December 15, at 9 a.m. The event's attractions will also include after-breakfast entertainment and a small gift for each child.

Tickets (available by advance sale, only) are $4 for children; $5 for adults. (Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Decorating Contest

Brownstown residents can nominate their favorite residential holiday display (whether its their own or that of a friend or neighbor) for judging by the Beautification Commission.

Santa made his first official appearance in Taylor during the Southland Santa Parade on November 10. ***(photo by Kathleen Trent)***

All nominations must be received by 4 p.m. Friday, December 14, at the Recreation Department (21311 Telegraph Road). Only those entries received by the deadline will be eligible for judging, which will take place on Tuesday, December 18.

The first-place winner will receive a professional photograph of his/her decorations, and will also be invited to the Beautification Commission's Annual "We Care" Awards Ceremony next October.

When submitting a nomination, please use an official nomination form (available at www.brownstown-mi.org) or a plain sheet of paper, and include the name (if known) of the homeowner, the address, and the nearest cross streets.

Goodfellows Applications

Any Brownstown resident wishing to request Christmas assistance from the Goodfellows must fill out an application, in person, at the Community Center (21311 Telegraph) on Friday, December 7, from 1:30 to 6 p.m., or Saturday, December 8, from 12 to 4 p.m.

Applicants must bring a valid drivers license or other photo ID as proof of residency, as well as a current utility bill or other mail showing their name and address. At the time of registration, applicants will be given a date for picking up their Goodfellows items, and also notified about the need (if any) for supplying additional documentation.

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Letter to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

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Romulus Man Concerned About Rec Financing

To the Editor:

At the Romulus City Council meeting held on October 22, I heard Councilman Harry Crout ask Economic Development director Tim Keyes (who was filling in for Mayor Alan Lambert) about the City borrowing half a million dollars from the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) for the new recreation center's start-up costs.

Councilman Crout asked Mr. Keyes when that half a million dollars would have to be paid back. Mr. Keyes stated that there was no time limit, but he hoped that TIFA would be repaid within 18 months.

Councilman Crout asked Mr. Keyes if it's going to cost a million dollars a year to operate the recreation center. Mr. Keyes confirmed that was correct.

Councilman Crout asked Mr. Keyes what would happen if the recreation center didn't bring in a million dollars a year. Mr. Keyes replied that the City would probably have to take money out of the General Fund.

Mr. Keyes stated that money would come from sponsorships, membership fees, and rentals. Councilman Crout asked how many sponsors we had so far. Mr. Keyes said that we have zero sponsors to date.

Councilman Crout stated that he did not want additional tax burden put on the taxpayers.

I did some research about TIFA. I found out that our TIFA board is composed of Romulus residents who are appointed to their positions. When Mayor Lambert and Mr. Keyes went to the TIFA board and asked for $18 million to build our new recreation center, it was approved. It is my understanding that TIFA tax dollars are to be used in a designated area to bring economic development into the city.

On November 5, the City Council held a study session to review a proposed contract with a corporation interested in managing the new recreation center. Tim Keyes, who directed the presentation, said it would be a three-year contract, and the cost would be $7,000 per month ($84,000 per year). He stated that there would be about 90 part-time jobs at the center, but that the corporation would do all the hiring; the City would have no say regarding who is hired or what wages will be paid. He also said that the annual membership fee for Romulus residents would be $400 per family.

John Clark
Romulus ❑

Taylor Town "Toys for Tots" Underway

Among those attending Taylor Town's recent Toys for Tots kickoff event were: (from left) Debra Klein, Taylor resident; Brian Peters, representing State Senator Ray Basham; Sherri Liebau, representing Governor Jennifer Granholm; Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe; Diana Johnson, manager, Taylor Town Trade Center; Taylor City Councilman Butch Ramik; and Mary Pustelak, co-owner of the Ranger Store. Taylor Town will accept donations of money and/or new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps charity program through December 14. ***(photo by Kathleen Trent)***

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City of Taylor's "Dollar Home" Program To Benefit Lower-income Families

In an effort to help end the cycle of poverty for lower-income families, the City of Taylor has launched an affordable home sales program, according to Mayor Cameron G. Priebe.

The City purchased 11 homes from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for $1 each, with the closing on those sales taking place at an official launch event on November 28.

The City will refurbish the homes and offer them at market or below-market rates. Early income generated from the sales of the homes will go toward rehabilitating homes that need work.

US Representative John D. Dingell and Mayor Priebe were among those who attended Wednesday's launch event to explain the unique program, known as Taylor Cares, and how they hope it will reduce the number of vacant homes in the city.

According to the spokespersons, the FHA-foreclosed homes became available when HUD was unable to sell them after a period of six months. They were then offered to the City of Taylor for $1 each. The City will make improvements to the homes that need them, using local contractors, and offer them for sale, using local real-estate agents. The city hopes to sell the homes to low- and moderate-income individuals, families, and senior citizens.

The first 11 homes purchased by the City are scattered from the far north end of Taylor to the southeast corner. The homes have two or three bedrooms; some have basements, as well.

Mayor Priebe said the program is important because it provides affordable housing to people interested in becoming homeowners, while taking possibly blighted homes out of local neighborhoods. He added that the entire city gains because homeowners often show more pride in their community than renters do.

Priebe credited Dingell's leadership in getting the program started.

Jon Belanger, the City's community housing coordinator, said that applicants must meet income guidelines provided by HUD and other stipulations in order to be eligible for a Taylor Cares home. He also noted that local financial institutions may offer lower mortgage rates to participants.

The City plans to consider other homes when they become available.

Only municipalities are eligible to purchase the homes for $1 each. ❑

Engraved Pavers Laid at Conservatory

On November 10, the Taylor Conservatory Foundation installed the first 200 engraved brick pavers at the Conservatory and Botanical Gardens site as part of its "One Step At A Time" brick paver fund-raising campaign. Over 20 volunteers were on hand to place the bricks inside the Conservatory Foundation Circle.

"We had great fun working together, and the bricks look fantastic," stated Patty Donahue, the Foundation's executive director.

"It's very touching to see the tremendous support from our community," added Judge Geno Salomone, president of the Foundation board.

The 4"x8" and 8"x8" bricks are tumbled, giving them the appearance of old, established materials.

The Foundation is halfway to its goal of raising $50,000 by October of 2008. Bricks are still available for sale, with prices starting at $50. For more information, check the TCF Web site (www.taylorconservatory.org). ❑

Installation of the first pavers from the Taylor Conservatory Foundation's "One Step At A Time" fund-raising campaign began November 10.

The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Sunday, November 11, through Saturday, November 24.

Sunday, November 11
- Assault (nonaggravated) (block of 6800 Homefield)
- Burglary (entry without force) (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- Burglary (forced entry) (block of 28000 Beverly)
- Intimidation/Stalking (block of 5900 Metro)
- Larceny (theft from a motor vehicle) (block of 34000 McBride)
- Runaway (under 17) (block of 39100 Cherokee Dr.)

Monday, November 12
- Burglary (forced entry) (block of 30700 Beverly)
- Driving While Suspended (Inkster/Wick)
- Fraud (bad checks) (block of 5800 Cogswell)
- Fraud (credit card/ATM) (block of 6000 Edmund)
- Intimidation/Stalking (block of 10000 Diane Dr.)
- Larceny (theft of motor vehicle parts) (block of 8600 Wickham)
- Larceny (theft of motor vehicle parts) (block of 9000 Wickham)
- Larceny (other) (block of 13500 Huron River Dr.)
- Suspicious Situation (block of 32100 Bruce)
- Threats (block of 15000 Mountain Way)

Tuesday, November 13
- Assault (nonaggravated) (block of 6800 Ball)
- Fraud (bad checks) (block of 6900 Inkster)
- Larceny (theft of motor vehicle parts) (block of 10000 Diane Dr.)
- Larceny (other) (block of 15000 Knoll Way)
- Property Damage (block of 9500 Biddle)
- Robbery (block of 6300 Middlebelt)
- Runaway (under 17) (block of 32200 Bruce)
- Stolen Property (block of 15500 Larkdale Ct.)
- Suicide (includes attempts) (block of 7600 Merriman)

Wednesday, November 14
- Assault (nonaggravated) (Van Born/Merriman)
- Disorderly Conduct (Van Born/Merriman)
- Driving While Suspended (block of 31300 Beverly)
- Driving While Suspended (E. I-94/I-275)
- Intimidation/Stalking (block of 35600 Van Born)
- Runaway (under 17) (block of 16700 Jessica Ln.)
- Suspicious Situation (block of 35600 Smith)

Thursday, November 15
- Assault (aggravated/felonious) (block of 35500 Stephanie Dr.)
- Larceny (other) (block of 9900 Wayne)
- Larceny (other) (block of 37300 Wick)
- Natural Death (block of 8500 Wickham)
- Stolen Property (block of 7000 Niagara)

Friday, November 16
- Arson (Beverly/Henry Ruff)
- Civil Dispute (block of 34700 Stewart Dr.)
- Driving While Suspended (block of 6000 Dexter)
- Driving While Suspended (Merriman/Ecorse)
- Driving While Suspended (block of 9000 Middlebelt)
- Fraud (credit card/ATM) (block of 11400 Olive)
- Larceny (other) (block of 31500 Augusta)
- Property Damage (block of 28400 Beverly)
- Property Damage (block of 28100 Edinburgh Dr.)
- Suspicious Situation (block of 27600 Hildebrandt)
- Theft (motor vehicle) (block of 28400 Ecorse)
- Trespassing (other) (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- Weapons Offense (concealed) (block of 15300 Merriman)

Saturday, November 17
- Accident (hit-and-run; fatal) (block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- Accident (hit-and-run; nonfatal) (block of 15000 Brook Way)
- Accident (hit-and-run; nonfatal) (block of 38900 Nottingham)
- Burglary (forced entry) (block of 33400 Sandpiper Dr.)
- Driving While Suspended (E. I-94/Wayne)
- Driving While Suspended (E. I-94/Vining)
- Driving While Suspended (N. I-94/Pennsylvania)
- Insanity (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- Larceny (theft from a building) (block of 31800 Smith)
- Larceny (theft from a motor vehicle) (block of 28500 Forestdale)
- Operating Under the Influence of Liquor/Drugs (OUIL/D) (Wick/Shook)
- Robbery (Redwood/Collbert)
- Suspicious Persons (block of 12000 Huron River Dr.)

Sunday, November 18
- Property Damage (block of 15000 Brandt)
- Runaway (under 17) (block of 9900 Shook)

Monday, November 19
- Accident (hit-and-run; nonfatal) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- Burglary (forced entry) (block of 8500 Cogswell)
- Civil Dispute (block of 35800 Abbey)
- Civil Dispute (block of 37300 Wick)
- Fraud (bad checks) (Merriman/Smith)
- Insanity (block of 7100 Burton Ave.)
- Juvenile Statutes/Offenses (other) (block of 9600 Wayne)
- Larceny (other) (block of 29900 Pennsylvania)
- Theft (motor vehicle) (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- Theft (motor vehicle) (block of 28600 Ecorse)
- Threats (block of 39300 Montana Dr.)

Tuesday, November 20
- Accident (hit-and-run; nonfatal) (block of 34200 Eureka)
- Assault (aggravated/felonious) (block of 15400 Anthony)
- Fraud (false pretense) (block of 11200 Metro Airport Center)
- Larceny (other) (block of 10600 Middlebelt)
- Property Damage (block of 6100 Colorado)
- Property Damage (block of 35200 Michele Dr.)
- Theft (motor vehicle) (block of 28400 Ecorse)
- Theft (motor vehicle) (block of 35600 Mary)
- Theft (motor vehicle) (block of 5800 Middlebelt)

Wednesday, November 21
- Accident (hit-and-run; nonfatal) (block of 6300 Hyde Park)
- Accident (hit-and-run; nonfatal) (Wayne/McBride)
- Accident (hit-and-run; nonfatal) (Wayne/Wick)
- Larceny (theft from a building) (block of 6800 Middlebelt)
- Larceny (theft from a motor vehicle) (block of 30700 Eureka)
- Larceny (theft of motor vehicle parts) (block of 29900 Beverly)
- Suspicious Situation (block of 8100 Center Dr.)
- Suspicious Situation (block of 9600 Wayne)
- Suspicious Situation (block of 9900 Shook)
- Theft (motor vehicle) (block of 28500 Halecreek)
- Theft (motor vehicle) (block of 30000 Van Born)
- Weapons Offense (concealed) (block of 39000 Superior)

Thursday, November 22
- Assault (nonaggravated) (block of 5900 Metro)
- Fraud (false pretense) (block of 28600 Hildebrandt)
- Suspicious Situation (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- Trespassing (other) (block of 15000 Streamway)

Friday, November 23
- Assault (nonaggravated) (block of 16600 Christy Ln.)
- Burglary (entry without authority) (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- Burglary (forced entry) (block of 15600 Meadow Ave.)
- Burglary (forced entry) (block of 8400 Merriman)
- Civil Dispute (block of 39100 Cherokee Dr.)
- Driving While Suspended (block of 7900 Merriman)
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- Fraud (bad checks) (block of 6900 Inkster)
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- Larceny (other) (block of 31800 Wick)
- Obstructing Justice (block of 36700 Ford)
- OUIL/D (Goddard/Vining)
- Property Damage (block of 16200 Cedar Way)
- Property Damage (block of 7700 Merriman)

Saturday, November 24
- Driving While Suspended (E. I-94/Vining)
- Larceny (theft from a building) (block of 6300 Second)
- Narcotics Equipment Violation (block of 8400 Merriman)
- Property Damage (block of 6200 Cogswell)
- Property Damage (block of 28100 Goddard) ❑

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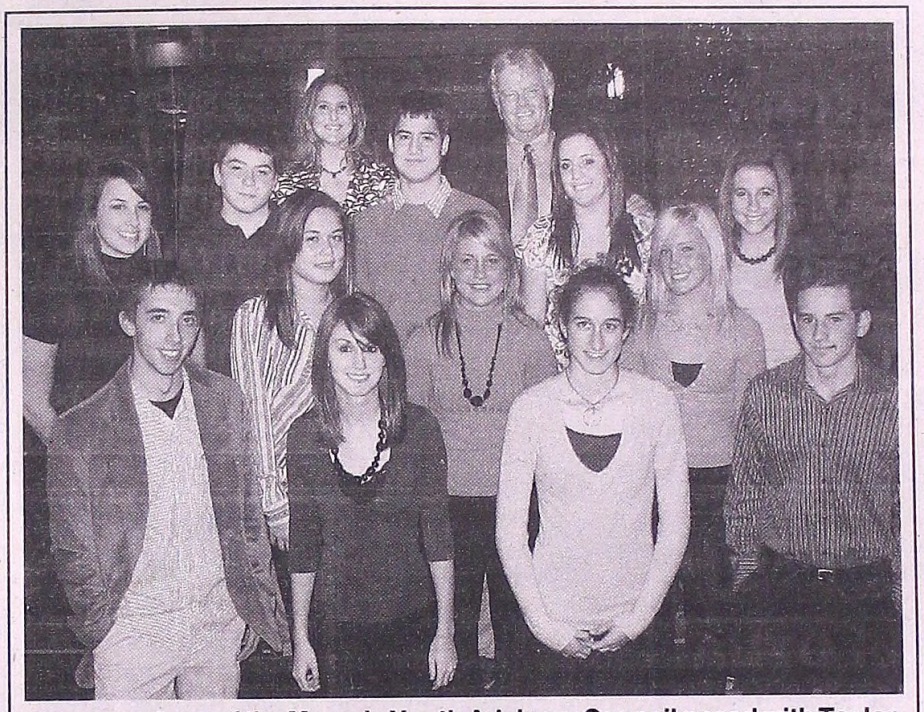
Taylor Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Expanded to 15 Members for 2007–2008



Most members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council posed with Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe (back row, right) and Lora Dillingham (back, left), recreation program coordinator. Students pictured are: (from left) front – Troy Pare, Amber Sharp, Stacy DeShano, and Ryan Smith; middle – Michelle McIntyre, Kathryn Lipphard, Lindsey Talley and Chloe Talley; back – Ryan Pykor (left), Matt Bailey, Gina Arnold, and Macey Devoy. Other members (not pictured) are Christopher Hernandez, Josh Robbins and Justin Cameron.

With the start of each new school year comes the annual appointment of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in the City of Taylor. Mayor Cameron G. Priebe's council was expanded to 15 members this year due to the increased interest in participating by students at Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy high schools.

The members were announced during the November 20 City Council meeting. They are: Gina Arnold, Matt Bailey, Justin Cameron, Stacy DeShano, Macey Devoy, Christopher Hernandez, Kathryn Lipphard, Michelle McIntyre, Troy Pare, Ryan Pykor, Josh Robbins, Amber Sharp, Ryan Smith, Chloe Talley and Lindsey Talley.

The council was first formed in 2003 to provide constructive input regarding the improvement of recreation programming for teenagers. The group has agreed to start working on youth events geared to teens.

The first scheduled event will be a "lock-in" at the Taylor Recreation Center (Goddard Road) on January 19, 2008. The details of the event will be decided at the council's December 13, 2007, meeting.

Registration will take place at the Parks and Recreation Department.

In the past, Youth Council members have held other teen events, such as a battle of the bands and several poetry readings. Members have attended the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Youth Symposium in each of the past two years, as well as a Detroit Economic Club event. They have also volunteered at many city special events.

The group will meet once a month at a different city building so members can relate to the needs of teens across Taylor. They have vowed to create fun and safe events for teens in the community. Lora Dillingham, the City's recreation program coordinator, has coordinated the Youth Council since its inception. She said she is looking forward to working with the students, who appear very enthusiastic. ❑

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Wayne Church Shares Thanksgiving Program with Taylor's Myers School

Among the highlights of the New Hope Baptist Church's Thanksgiving program at Myers School was a performance by members of the mime ministry known as Symbols of Silence: (from left) Antoine Patterson, Jeremiah Yeager, Deondre Fields, Caron Davis, and Raheem Brown. Other Symbols of Silence members not pictured are Brittani Burroughs, Lee Johnson, Brandon Moore, Freeman Ohgron, Joshua Ray, and Lakisha Williams.

Students, families, and staff members at Taylor's Myers School celebrated an early Thanksgiving on November 20 thanks to the generosity of the New Hope Baptist Church of Wayne.

Under the leadership of New Hope's pastor, Dr. Virgil Humes, the church organized a program that included Thanksgiving dinners for 576 people as well as a variety of entertainments.

Among the afternoon's highlights was a performance by members of the Symbols of Silence, a "mime ministry" group comprised of young people from the New Hope congregation.

Other performances included musical and "step-team" shows as well as a flag demonstration.

Of course, the biggest job, by far, was the preparation and packaging of more than 500 meals, which was conducted on-site at the church by a dedicated team of volunteers under the supervision of New Hope's culinary manager, Nancy Bryson.

According to Pastor Humes, the Thanksgiving program was just one in a long list of efforts that reflect his church's philosophy.

"At New Hope, we like to say, 'We go all out to keep you coming in.' We believe that, led by God, if we feed the body, we'll also have the opportunity to feed the soul," he explained.

Myers School principal Diedre Zockheem, who is also a member of New Hope, said that her students had been anxiously looking forward to the Thanksgiving program.

"Our kids were great!" she exclaimed. "They did a terrific job staying focused as the holiday approached and the excitement continued to build.

"We started with just over 200 planning to attend, but families continued to respond all last week," she added.

Local dignitaries who attended the program included City of Romulus Deputy Clerk Eva Webb, who is also a member of the New Hope congregation.

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Romulus Holiday

Romulus House Thanksgiving Feeds Hungry, Raises $1,300 for Goodfellows

Those who took part in the Romulus House restaurant's annual Pre-Thanksgiving benefit for the Romulus Goodfellows included: (from left) front – Firefighter Jason Pittman (Romulus Fire Department), Rich Evans, Joyce Evans, and Rita Al-Nimri; back – Sue Hayes, Lieutenant Doug Rowe (RFD), Claudia Taylor, Tommy Ryan, Basem Al-Nimri, Samer Al-Nimri, Jezail Gune, Kaldany Imad, Boulenouar Benchohra, and Chris Lentz.

A Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner held at Romulus House on Wednesday, November 21, raised more than $1,300 for the Romulus Goodfellows.

Each year, the restaurant's co-owners, brothers Basem and Samer Al-Nimri, host the free holiday meal with two goals in mind: to feed people who can't afford a nice dinner with "all the trimmings" ... and to seek donations from those who can.

The Al-Nimris and their staff – Imad Kaldany, Chris Lentz, Sue Hayes, and Claudia Taylor – expressed their gratitude for the volunteer help they received.

"We thank everyone who participated to make this event successful this year and over the past five years," said Basem. "We enjoy knowing that this event, with the generosity of the people of Romulus, will help many needy families in the community."

The Al-Nimris – both originally from Jordan – are proud of their restaurant, which they have operated for 16 years.

Samer, age 48, has a degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Tech. He and his wife of 28 years have 5 children and a grandchild.

Basem, 46, has an associate's degree in accounting. He and his wife of 15 years have 5 children. ❑

APA Thanksgiving Feeds Nearly 100

The American Progressive Association's annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner – held November 16 – set a new record for attendance. Among those who volunteered were: (from left) front – Barbara Stewart, Brenda Alexander, Dorothy Byrd, Clara Williams, Harry Crout, Elsie Trivedi, Marie Butler, and Della Hendricks; middle – Roy Williams, Bronson Bell, Sandy Crout, Annie Hendrix, and Eddie Hendrix; back – Darrice Green and Evelyn Foster.

Seniors Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner

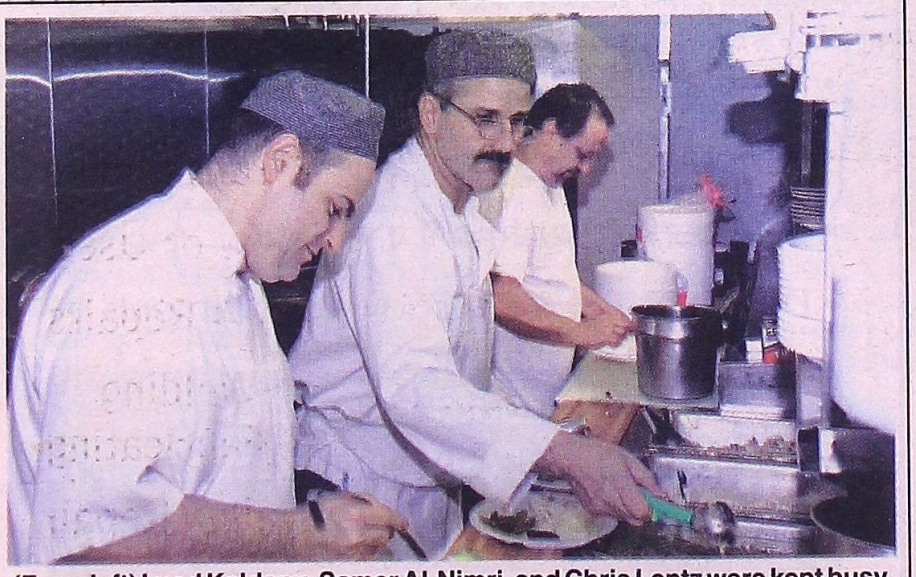
The Romulus Senior Center's annual Thanksgiving Luncheon – held on Tuesday, November 20 – drew a crowd of 90 people to enjoy a home-cooked, holiday-style dinner and live musical entertainment. Special guests included Mayor Alan R. Lambert, City Clerk Linda Choate, and Councilman John Barden (who also pitched in to help).

Highlights of the afternoon included the presentation of "certificates of appreciation" to the Center's dedicated volunteers, who – according to programs coordinator Rose Swidan – go above and beyond the call of duty to organize and implement programs for homebound seniors and those at the Center.

All who attended received a special gift courtesy of the Senior Center.

The Center's staff would like to thank everyone who contributed time and/or donations for the event, including:

- Paula Semple, who donated a basket of Godiva chocolates to raffle, as well as items for each guest's "goody bag"; and
- Wayne County, which donated turkeys to raffle. ❑



(From left) Imad Kaldany, Samer Al-Nimri, and Chris Lentz were kept busy in the kitchen.

Mayor Alan R. Lambert (center) visited with Louise Shropshire (left) and Betsey Butler at the Romulus Senior Center's Thanksgiving Feast.

Recreation Programs

For more information about these or other programs offered by the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, located at 11189 Shook Road, please call 734-941-8665.

Fitness Fun Night

The Apple Jack Fitness program will host a drop-off exercise/fun night for kids ages 8 to 12 at the Recreation Department on Friday, December 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost is $6 (cash), payable on arrival.

Note: For more information about the new Apple Jack Fitness session, set to begin in January 2008, watch future issues of *the little paper* or call the Recreation Center.

Teen Skating Night

Ages 12 and up are invited to go to Skatin' Station II on Friday, December 21. The bus will depart from the Recreation Department at 7:30 p.m. and return promptly at 12:30 a.m.

Cost is $10 (cash). Deadline for registration is Wednesday, December 19, at 5 p.m.

"Imagine Canton" Theatre

A trip to the movies is planned for ages 6 and up on Friday, December 28. The bus will depart from the Recreation Department at about 11:30 a.m.

Cost is $8 (cash). Deadline for registration is Wednesday, December 26, at 5 p.m.

Abrakadoodle

Abrakadoodle, the popular art eduction program designed for kids of all abilities, is now available in Romulus!

The classes are designed to help youngsters explore their own creativity. After each one, students will take home a framed piece of art, along with information about key concepts and/or vocabulary words that were featured in the day's lesson.

Classes will meet according to the following schedule:

- "Twoosy Doodlers" (ages 20 to 36 months) – 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturdays from January 12 through February 16; Recreation Department
- "Mini Doodlers" (ages 3 to 6 years) – 11 to 11:45 a.m. Saturdays from January 12 through February 16; Recreation Department
- "After-school Doodlers" (ages 7 to 12 years) – 3 to 3:45 p.m. Wednesdays from January 16 through February 20; Barth Elementary

Cost is $72 per class, with an additional onetime materials charge of $12. Preregistration is required.

Adult Interpretive Dance

This interpretive dance program for adults (ages 18 and up) will feature synchronized movements to Christian music. Classes will meet at the Romulus Senior Center between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. each Friday from December 7 through January 11.

Cost is $40 per six-week session. Preregistration (by December 3) is required. Nonresidents are welcome.

Adult Ballroom Dancing

Come with or without a partner to this cabaret-style dance class, which is open to ages 16 and up. Classes will meet through May 26, 2008, according to the following schedule:

- beginners: 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at Halecreek Elementary and Tuesdays at Cory Elementary
- intermediate: 8 to 9 p.m. Mondays at Halecreek and Tuesdays at Cory

Cost is $8 (cash) per class. Pay the day of class; no preregistration required.

Drop-in Jazzercise

Blend aerobics, yoga, pilates, and kickboxing movements into fun dance routines set to fresh new music in this jazzercise class, which meets at the Romulus Senior Center from 6 to 7 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday. (Classes also available at other area locations/times with the purchase of a JazzFitness LLC class pass.)

To view the basic movements performed in class, visit jazzercise.com.

Cost is $36 per month (EFT) or $10 per class.

Adult Culinary Training

Learn from the best! Master chef Chuck Usztics Jr., MS, CHE, is offering the following classes – all to be held on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at Romulus High School.

- sanitation, cutting boards, knives (types of cuts), and vegetable preparation – January 16
- breakfasts – January 23
- desserts (cupcakes, cake-making, frosting) – January 30
- soups – February 6
- sauces – February 13
- sautéing on a hot stove (stir-fry, pasta primavera) – February 20
- pasta/Italian – February 27
- students' choice – March 5

Cost is $40 for one class or $300 for all eight. Equipment, utensils, aprons, hair nets, and food are included in the cost. Preregister by the Monday before class. Minimum of five people needed.

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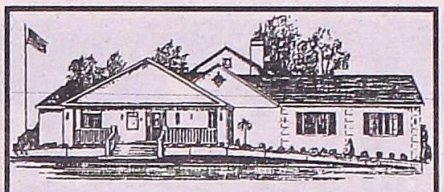
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Upcoming Trips

Seniors are invited to take part in one or more of the following trips.

- ***Christmas Shopping in Chicago*** (December 1–2; $239 per person at the double-occupancy rate)
- ***Niagara Falls*** (December 2–3; $139 per person at the double-occupancy rate)
- ***A Dickens Christmas*** (December 3–6; $499 per person at the double-occupancy rate)
- ***Shopping at Somerset Collection*** (December 4; $5)
- ***Puerto Vallarta, Mexico*** (January 12–19; $1,199 per person at the double-occupancy rate)
- ***Florida*** (February 22–March 5; $929 per person at the double-occupancy rate)

Call the Center for more information.

Regular Events

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- card-playing (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.)
- basic quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.)
- Bunco Club (second Thursdays, 1 p.m.)
- blood-pressure checks (first Thursdays, noon)
- bowling (Fridays, 1 p.m., Flat Rock Lanes)
- exercise (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.)

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Christmas Party

The Senior Center's Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 14, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets – which include admission, live music, refreshments, and more – are just $5.

Advance registration is required.

Holiday Trips

Holiday trips planned for December include:

- ***Holiday: A "Home for Christmas" Tour*** (December 1)
- ***"The Nutcracker" Featuring the Cincinnati Ballet*** (December 6 & 9)
- ***A Kenny Rogers Christmas*** (December 12)
- ***"Too Hot to Handel" Symphony Choir*** (December 22)

Call the Senior Center for more information.

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's van, free of charge, for shopping trips to:

- Meijer/Southland (Monday, December 3)
- Super Wal-Mart (Monday, December 10)
- Kmart (Monday, December 17)

All departure times are 9:30 a.m.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

Other Trips

Other trips offered through the Senior Center in upcoming months include:

- ***Windsor Raceway*** (December 11; $5)
- ***New Year Celebration at Myrtle Beach*** (December 28–January 3; $799)
- ***Gulf Getaway – St. Pete Beach, Florida*** (January 12–February 2, $1,799)
- ***San Francisco/California Coast*** (April 13–20; $2,459)
- ***Cape May*** (May 18–24; $899)

Call for more information about reservations, deposits, etc.

Lunch Out

Upcoming "lunch out" destinations are Red Lobster (December 7), and Bahama Breeze (December 19). All trips will depart from the Center at 11 a.m.

Advance registration required.

Club #1

Club #1 meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. The group enjoys going on outings, playing games, and celebrating birthdays. New faces welcome!

Men's Club Now Forming

The Romulus Senior Center – which offers facilities such as a beautiful pool table, a foosball table, and a full gym – is currently organizing a men's club. To learn more, call or stop in at the Center.

"Fun Day" Monday

Those who enjoy playing board games won't want to miss "Fun Day" Mondays, which start at 1 p.m.

Free transportation is available; just call at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

Other Regular Programs

Be sure to check out these free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center.

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.)
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.)
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.)
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.)
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.)
- chair exercise (Fridays, 1 p.m.)

Everyone is welcome!

Haircuts

Affordable haircuts are available at the Senior Center on the third Monday of each month. Call ahead to make an appointment.

Seniors taking advantage of this service are asked to arrive with clean hair.

Tele-care

Romulus seniors can get daily phone reassurance through the Tele-care program.

For more information, call and talk to a friendly staff member.

Hot Lunches

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only $2.25.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance in order to make your reservation.

Pickup Days

Qualifying Romulus seniors may pick up the following products at the Senior Center.

- Liquid Nutrition (second Wednesday of each month; 9 a.m.)
- Commodities (third Thursday of each month; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Focus: HOPE (from the third Thursday to the end of each month; 10 a.m.)

Call for more information.

Taylor

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Toys for Tots

The Senior Center is again collecting for the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Foundation. Please drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the Center by December 6 if you would like to participate in this worthy cause.

Christmas Party

The Center's annual Christmas party promises to be a gala event featuring a catered dinner, music, door prizes, and a gift for each person.

Tickets for the event – to be held Thursday, December 13, from 2 to 6 p.m. – *must* be purchased by Thursday, December 6. Cost is $15 per person.

Party Features Info About Medicare Part "D"

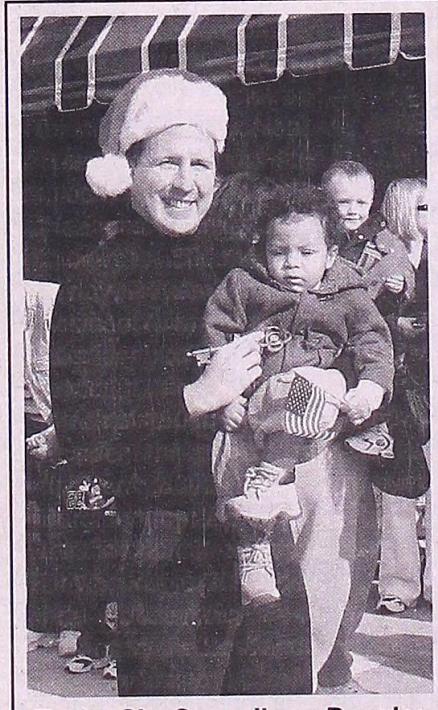
A free party to be held at the Center at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, will feature refreshments, gift bags, live musical entertainment, games, and prizes as well as information about Medicare Part "D".

Sign up by Thursday, November 29.

Craft Day

On the first Thursday of each month, local seniors who have a craft project that they would like to finish can come to the Center and spend the day working on it in the company of like-minded friends – old and new! ❑

Officials Bring Family to Taylor Parade



Taylor City Councilman Douglas Geiss and his son Michael were on hand at the Taylor Southland Santa Parade to present St. Nick with a key to the city.

Taylor Mayor Cameron Priebe's grandchildren, Olivia and Parker, were excited about the prospect of meeting Santa Claus. *(photos by Kathleen Trent)*

Local Holiday Happenings Promote Seasonal Spirit

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Toys for Tots

The Brownstown Police Department will be accepting Toys for Tots donations of new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages through December 12. The department is located at 23125 King Road (between Telegraph and Dix-Toledo roads).

Romulus

"No Child Without a Christmas"

The city's busiest intersections will be "manned" by Romulus Goodfellow volunteers on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, to conduct the group's annual newspaper drive for its "No Child Without a Christmas" mission. If you see a volunteer, please give generously; you'll be helping the less fortunate in your community enjoy a happy holiday.

The Goodfellows will also be accepting donations of cash, gift certificates, and new, unwrapped toys (among other items) throughout the beginning of December. For more information, contact Marianna Guzall in the Mayor's Office (734-955-4502).

Romulus families who would like to receive help from the Goodfellows may fill out an application and return it any weekday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at either Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) or Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road). The deadline for registration is Friday, December 7.

For more information, call the Goodfellows at 734-955-4577.

Santa's Coming!

The City of Romulus will kick of the holiday season on Friday, November 30, when Santa Claus will make his official arrival just in time for the annual tree-lighting.

The fun will begin at Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street near the post office) at 5 p.m., when the Romulus Historical Museum and historic Kingsley house – both decorated for the season – will be opened to the public. The Golden Griffon Stringtet will perform in the Kingsley house, and refreshments will be served in the museum.

At 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at Historic Park, where Mayor Alan R. Lambert will present him with a "key to the city" and enlist his help to light the city tree.

Afterward, everyone is invited to follow Santa to Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga, near Five Points) to enjoy light refreshments while the Jolly Old Elf himself hears children's Christmas wishes. Featured attractions will be a train exhibit courtesy of the Lincoln Park Train Club (formerly the Trenton Train Club), a performance by the "Ministry in Motion" dancers, and an Abrakadoodle art education project.

Refreshments and gift bags for the children will be provided by the Romulus Recreation Department.

Photos with Santa ($2 each) will be available. The remainder of the program is free to Romulus residents.

Christmas Tree Trim

The Romulus Public Library's annual tree-trimming party is set for Saturday, December 1, at 10:30 a.m.

Those who attend will enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun (including the stringing of popcorn and cranberries for garland), and will also have a chance to make two ornaments – one for the library's tree and one to take home.

Other highlights will include a pizza feast and pictures with Santa.

Although there is no charge to participate, preregistration is required. For more information, call 734-942-7589.

Decorating Contest

If you are a Romulus resident who decorates the outside of your home for the holidays, you're invited to take part in this annual City contest. Just register your name, address, and telephone number by calling the Recreation Department (734-941-8665) no later than noon on Monday, December 3.

Prizes of $100, $25, and $15 will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place finishers, respectively.

Romulus residents who don't enter the contest can volunteer to help judge the event. The Recreation Department bus will transport judges around the city on Tuesday, December 4, beginning at 6 p.m. Preregistration is required.

There is no charge to enter or judge the contest.

Lunch/Story with Santa

Santa Claus will be at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, to share lunch and a story with local youngsters.

Cost (includes two pieces of pizza, chips, and refreshments) is $4 per child. Adults accompanying children must also purchase a $4 ticket if they wish to eat. Pictures with Santa will be available for $2 each.

Register at the Recreation Office (11189 Shook Road) no later than Thursday, December 6.

Kiddie Christmas Shopping

Local youths (ages 6 and up) can go Christmas shopping for their loved ones when they sign up for one of these special trips sponsored by the Romulus Recreation Department.

The first – to Wal-Mart and the Dollar Store – will depart from the Recreation Office on Friday, December 7, at 6:15 p.m., and return at 8:15 p.m. Youngsters will then have until 9:30 p.m. to wrap their own gifts (at no additional cost).

The second – to Target and the Dollar Store – is set for Friday, December 14. (All times are the same as above.)

Ages 6 to 10 will be assigned a helper; ages 11+ will be on the buddy system. Children will be responsible for holding on to their own money.

Cost is $5 (cash) for transportation. Sign up at the Recreation Office (11189 Shook) by Wednesday, December 5, for the first trip; Wednesday, December 12, for the second.

Letters to Santa

The Romulus Civic League is again sponsoring its Santa's Mailbox program. Local children who drop their letters to Santa into the colorful box now on display in front of the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) will get a personal reply. Letters must be "posted" by Wednesday, December 19.

Free Christmas Dinner at the APA

Everyone is welcome to attend the American Progressive Association's free Christmas Dinner, to be held at the Thomas J. Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road) on Friday, December 14, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Although there is no charge for the meal, those who can afford it are asked to make a donation.

Taylor

Breakfast with Santa

Come and enjoy a family-friendly breakfast on Saturday, December 15, when Santa will visit the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club (25505 Northline) at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (two seatings), and the Taylor Meadows Golf Club (25360 Ecorse) at 10 a.m. Children can tell Santa and Mrs. Claus their Christmas wishes, and parents can take advantage of a great photo opportunity. (Families are welcome to bring their own cameras, or have photos taken for an additional charge.)

Cost is $6.50 per person. For more information, call 734-287-1605.

Santa's Magic Forest

Back by popular demand is Santa's Magic Forest, which will be open to visitors to the Heritage Park Activity Building every weekend in December. Bring the entire family to visit Santa Claus while walking through a magical winter wonderland of animated characters and beautiful holiday light displays.

All proceeds benefit Fish & Loaves, a nonprofit organization that is operating the Magic Forest as a fund-raiser to provide food to those in need in Taylor and surrounding communities.

Santa's Magic Forest will be open Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 1 to 8 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 7 p.m.

Admission is $3; $2 for seniors and children 10 and under. Photos with Santa will be available for $5 each.

Reindeer Days

Visit the Taylor Petting Farm (corner of Pardee and Northline) between noon and 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, and Sunday, December 16, for the annual Reindeer Days program.

Highlights will include caroling by the Taylor Chorus, a visit from Santa, face-painting, refreshments (free hot chocolate; pizza and cookies for sale), a "stocking stuffers" sale, and photos with the reindeer ($5 each). Live reindeer will be on display from noon to 3 p.m.

Cost is $2 for Taylor residents; $3 for nonresidents. For more information, please call 734-374-5946.

Holiday Decorating Contest

In keeping with the holiday season, the City of Taylor Beautification Commission is accepting nominations of Christmas decorations/displays for its annual contest, designed to recognize those who help make the city a beautiful place in which to live and work.

Prizes will be awarded in two categories: residential and business.

All nominations must be submitted by Friday, December 21.

For more information, call Michele McNeely at 734-374-1450.

Volunteers Serve Free Holiday Dinner

The "True Meaning of Christmas" is alive and well in the City of Taylor, where a group of volunteers will serve a complimentary Christmas dinner to anyone, whether alone, less fortunate, or hungry. The 10th annual dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. Christmas Day, December 25, at the William Ford Senior Activity Center (6750 Troy, just north of Ecorse and west of Telegraph).

The meal will include turkey, ham, white and sweet potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, beverages, and desserts.

The dinner is organized by the Domski family, which years ago chose to end its gift exchange and put the money toward a meal for anyone to enjoy.

The Taylor Police Department has donated dozens of turkeys and hams. Members of the City Management Association – the Taylor Governmental Management and Administrative Employees Association – make a financial donation.

The meal typically draws about 200 diners and plenty of volunteers.

There is always room for more.

Taylor Chorus Christmas Concert set

The annual Taylor Community Chorus Christmas Concert will be held at Hoover Middle School (27101 Beverly) on Saturday, December 8, at 7 p.m.

Admission is $5; $3 for children 12 and under.

Detroit

The Nutcracker

Ballet Americana of Taylor will join forces with stars of the New York City Ballet and the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra to present three performances of *The Nutcracker* at the DSA Ford Theater for the Arts Auditorium (123 Selden Avenue, Detroit).

An abridged performance for younger audiences is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 1. Full-length performances will be given at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3.

For ticket information, please call 734-374-3904, or visit the DSO Web site at www.detroitsymphony.com. ❑

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Belleville, Brownstown, New Boston, Romulus, or Taylor, ***the little paper*** will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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Obituaries

Franklin J. "Frank" McCarary

Franklin J. "Frank" McCarary of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Monday, November 12, 2007, at the age of 59.

The native of Cedartown, Georgia, was born on Thursday, November 20, 1947.

Frank retired from General Motors in 1995 after 30 years with the company. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching television.

Surviving Frank are his wife, Linda J. (Compton) McCarary; a daughter, Sandra McCarary; 2 sons, William W. McCarary and Michael C. (Christina) McCarary; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Joe (Sheila) McCarary and Dion McCarary; and 4 sisters, Doletta McCarary, Vicky Barefoot, Bonnie (Paul) Szabo, and Rena (Chuck) Handschug.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Forney L. and Rena (Jenkins) McCarary, and a sister, Kelly McCarary.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Robert J. White (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial tributes to the family would be greatly appreciated.

Charles D. Tuttle

Charles D. Tuttle of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, November 24, 2007, at the age of 58.

The native of Wyandotte, Michigan, was born on Monday, August 8, 1949.

Charles, who served in the US Army, was a proud veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. A tour guide at the Yankee Air Museum, he loved history, particularly war stories.

Charles enjoyed taking rides in the country and anything to do with the outdoors in general. He had fond memories of the time he worked on tug boats as a deck hand in Louisiana. Spending time with his family was especially important to him.

Surviving Charles are his wife, Kathy E. (Michniewicz) Tuttle; a daughter, Molly A. Tuttle; 3 sons, Benjamin J. Tuttle, Charles D. Tuttle, Jr., and John R. Blevins; his mother, Mary (Wyman) Tuttle; 2 brothers, Jerry (Pam) Tuttle and James Tuttle; and 2 sisters, Barbara (Archie) Hurst and Beverly (Terry) Potvin.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his father, Emil A. Tuttle, and a brother, Frank Tuttle.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, November 29, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Memorial tributes to the family would be greatly appreciated.

Marjorie G. Wright

Marjorie G. Wright of Conover, North Carolina, passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at the age of 79.

The former resident of Romulus, Michigan, was born in Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada, on Saturday, August 25, 1928. She was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church (Newton, NC) and a former member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus).

Marjorie is survived by 4 daughters, Donna Beddingfield (Zephyrhills, FL), Andrea Prado (Dearborn, MI), Lori Wright (Naples, FL), and Kathy Finch (Canton, MI); 2 sons, Paul Wright (Gatlinburg, TN) and Dennis Wright (Romulus); 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Bernice Warren (Sussex) and Rita Fleming (Norton, New Brunswick, Canada); and her very dear friend, Lois LaPorte.

Marjorie G. Wright

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Timothy Cornelius and Bridget Elizabeth (Layden) Mahoney, and a daughter, Debbie Wright.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, November 21, at St. Damian Parish (Westland, MI). Arrangements were entrusted to Drum Funeral Home (Conover). Send condolences to the Wright family at www.drumfuneralhome.com. ❑

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